**Parish Website Posts**

**What is the Bishop’s Appeal?**

The Bishop’s Appeal is a direct appeal to people of the Diocese asking them to make a gift to support the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay.

Gifts to the Bishop’s Appeal help

• Young people learn about Jesus in our parishes and Catholic schools

• Those in need of counseling through services provided by Catholic Charities

• Men receive training and formation to become deacons

• The sick and homebound receive Holy Communion and prayer through Care Ministry

• New Evangelization bring faith-filled programming into our Church communities

and so much more!

Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal helps build vibrant parishes and faith-filled communities throughout northeastern Wisconsin. Learn more here.

***Embracing a Life of Discipleship***

*He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” Mark 1:38*

Jesus came to us with a purpose from the beginning. In a short time he taught, healed and preached. He built up disciples to carry forth his mission.

Today there are many disciples who carry on the mission of Jesus. Deacons not only assist at Mass, but they proclaim the Gospel of Christ to people in prisons, hospitals, shelters, youth programs, and the homebound. Counselors at Catholic Charities provide guidance and care through their counseling services. Catechists nurture the spiritual formation of children in parishes. All these people are *Embracing a Life of Discipleship* and all receive support through the Bishop’s Appeal.

Learn more here about all the wonderful ministries the Bishop’s Appeal supports. And please make a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal to help us embrace a life of discipleship.

**Bishop’s Appeal Supports Catholic Charities Counseling Services**

A wedding is an exciting event! But what happens when the honeymoon is over? Marriage is hard. Issues like poor communication, financial stress, family problems, infidelity, and resentment can weaken a marriage.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services provides a light out of the darkness. Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal helps to promote healthy marriages. Did you know in 2017, 24% of the distributions from the Bishop’s Appeal went to support the services provided by Catholic Charities?

Currently $XXX,XXX has been raised toward our $5.4 million dollar goal. Please help us by making a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. Your gift today helps Catholic Charities reach out to counsel those in need. Thank you for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

**Thank You for Supporting the Bishop’s Appeal**

Thank you to the XXXX donors who have taken a stand donating $ X.X million to the 2018 Bishop’s Appeal.

When you make a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal you impact those struggling most. As we embrace a life of discipleship, we become the face and hands of Christ helping others get back on their feet after a difficult time. Every week, we inspire thousands of children through Catholic education to live a faith-filled life.

Your gift makes this and so much more happen. Thank you for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

**Bishop’s Appeal Supports Diaconate Training & Formation**

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

 *Matthew 28: 19-20*

There are many disciples of Christ who live in our world today. A disciple of Jesus is someone who is a good friend of His, who spends quiet time with him every day, and see’s the face of Jesus in those around him.

Deacons are living disciples of Christ! They assist at Mass, and proclaim the Gospel of Christ to people in prisons, hospitals, shelters, youth programs, and the homebound.

Did you know in 2017, 11% of the distributions from the Bishop’s Appeal went to support Ministry Formation? Please make a gift today to help train and form deacons and lay ministers who serve in parishes throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

**Bishop’s Appeal Reaches $X.X Million**

Pope Francis reminds us the Beatitudes are “the program of life that Jesus offers us.” He said people should remember the “protocol by which we will be judged” – by what everyone has done or didn’t do for others. We should always strive to help the poor in sprit, those who mourn, and the meek.

Through the Bishop’s Appeal, we are *Embracing a Life of Discipleship*. It is with great appreciation we can say $X.XX million has been raised from XX,XXX donors. These gifts directly impact the ministries and services provided by the Diocese of Green Bay. More importantly, gifts help people see the face of Jesus.

Your gift helps show mercy to others, to reach out in kindness and lend a helping hand. Please support the Bishop’s Appeal with your gift today! Thank you for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

**Bishop’s Appeal Reaches $X.X Million**

*“He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white…” Mark 9:2-3*

 In the Gospel of Mark, the disciples witness the amazing transfiguration of Jesus. In many different ways, Jesus teaches and inspires his disciples, demonstrating he is truly the son of God.

Teachers inspire and motivate children, just as Jesus did. Educators in our schools and religious education programs light a fire in the hearts of our children so they might know and love Jesus. These teachers are *Embracing a Life of Discipleship* when they share the Gospel with children.

Thank you to the XX,XXX donors who have raised $X,XXX,XXX of our Bishop’s Appeal $5.4 million dollar goal.

Please make your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal today and help children see God through our Catholic educators. Thank you for your support of the Bishop’s Appeal.

**Bishop’s Appeal Surpasses $5.4 Million Goal**

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal has raised $X,XXX,XXX from XX,XXX families and individuals.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Appeal this year!

The theme to this years’ Bishop’s Appeal is *Embracing a Life of Discipleship*. The Appeal builds up modern day disciples, like our newly ordained deacons who share the Good News of Christ. Gifts to the Bishop’s Appeal help build many different disciples

• Your gift helps train deacons and lay ministers.

• Your gift helps care for those in need of counseling through Catholic Charities.

• Your gift helps share the faith through the New Evangelization.

• And your gift helps educate children and adults in the faith.

If you have not yet made your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal, and you want to be part of building modern day disciples for Christ, you may still make a gift. Learn more here about all the wonderful ministries the Bishop’s Appeal supports.